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## **MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Parents and Providers Participating in the Child Care Subsidy Program (CCSP)  
**FROM:** The Office of Child and Family Services (OCFS)  
**DATE:** April 9, 2020  
**SUBJECT:** Child Care Subsidy Program (CCSP) Parent Fee Waiver

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### **\*SUBJECT TO CHANGE AS OCFS RESPONDS TO RAPIDLY CHANGING ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS\***

The Office of Child and Family Services (OCFS) recognizes the hardship families and providers are experiencing during the COVID-19 pandemic and appreciate the increased needs during this time.

As a result, OCFS is pleased to announce effective April 13, 2020, and for the duration of the civil emergency, OCFS will be paying the parent's portion of the weekly child care payment (parent fee) for those who qualify under existing CCSP income guidelines to lessen the burden.

The payments will be made directly to providers to reflect total current market rate or the provider's current rate, whichever is lower.

For more information, or to apply for CCSP, please contact our office at 1-877-680-5866 or 207-624-7999 or [CCSP.DHHS@Maine.gov](mailto:CCSP.DHHS@Maine.gov)

Please continue to look for updates from our office at: <https://www.maine.gov/dhhs/ocfs/COVID-19-response.shtml>